

To Members of Boundary Commission:

As a 25 year resident of Soldotna (right downtown in city limits), it sickens me to observe what the few city mothers and fathers have been attempting to do to our rural and semi-rural neighbors the last few years... just for a money and power grab.

The "City Government" is flush with financial resources currently, and all of my 25-year residency, location (hub) sales tax and tourism keep our coffers healthy. Longtime residents and city neighborhoods still have no city water, sewer, paved roads, plowed sidewalks and roads in wintertime, closed animal shelter, and we hitchhike off the "Kenai Borough Government" for Fire and E.M.S services. All the while, we (as city government) invest more taxpayer dollars in meg flowerbeds, dog parks, alcohol consumption venues, S.C. Park (twice a week) and 10s of thousands of dollars in grants to "certain business" and "property owners" for their usage.

The city government tries the excuse that outsiders use all city services but do not contribute financially. This is far from the truth...very far. City of Soldotna offers an excellent library (free) and sports center (user fee for all). All other draws to town from outsiders are federal (post office), state, or Kenai borough built and financed. Hospital, schools, borough admin. maintenance, school district offices, etc.

The areas for annexation have changed every 6-9 months and are the bright and shiny areas (\$), not the immediate adjacent neighborhoods that could use the help. Water, sewer, pavement, etc.

The city has spent between ¼ and ½ million dollars of outside of state consultants to further their desire, never asking current city residents for "their blessing" or obtaining favorable response from the consultant studies when complete. Worse yet the city admin. uses divide and conquer tactics on current residents, current neighbors, and soon to be annexed victims.

Not a "friendly good neighbor" thing to do.

In closing when I look at the State statute parameters and criteria, of the list, looking at them neutrally, I can only see possibly one that could be interpreted as meeting the requirements.

As a city resident (25 years), please reject this proposal and the "next one" the City of Soldotna will come with...it never ends.

Thank you.
Daniel Lynch